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## Arizona Territorial Adobes

During the territorial years, from 1848 to 1863 as part of New Mexico and then from 1863 to 1912 as its own territory, Arizona had a rich tradition of adobe construction. As we approach our State's Centennial its appropriate to reflect on those properties constructed during the territorial era that helped Arizona gain its statehood. Four hundred thirty-one adobes have been inventoried that were constructed from 1847 through 1911. Here is a list of five significant territorial adobe houses that still exist.

First, is the **Wilson W. Jones House** at 1008 East Buckeye Road in Phoenix constructed in 1879. A medical doctor from Los Angeles, Dr. Jones helped Michael Goldwater develop his freighting business in Western Arizona. Dr. Jones is also associated with early mining and cattle activities. His one-story hipped roofed adobe house features a wrap around veranda. This is the oldest standing building in Phoenix.

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## A Quick Thanks To Our Land Managers

A quick note of thanks from Tucson and Sierra Vista Regions to BLM and Forest Service for donating forty copies of **Border Lands Field Work Safety Training Guide** that will be given to new Site Stewards in their training. The safety of our stewards is of primary importance to this program.

Remember no site or artifact is worth more than your health and safety.



## Site Stewards honored with the Arizona Culturekeepers 2011 Award

The Arizona Site Steward Program was honored with the 2011 Culturekeepers Award at Kierland Resort in Scottsdale on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Katherine (Kax) Kierland-Herberger and Marshall Trimble established The Culturekeepers Award in 2002 to commemorate the state's centennial in 2012. Each year (2003 to 2012) ten groups or individuals are honored for their contribution to Arizona's unique cultural and historical heritage. When the 2012 nominees are in place there will be 100 groups or individuals representing our 100 years as a state. A committee made up of Sharlot Hall Museum, Arizona Historical Society, Marshall Trimble, and the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa chose the honorees.

Each Honoree is given a plaque and photograph for their group and an identical plaque is on permanent exhibition at the Kierland Resort Culturekeepers Hall.

Some of the other institutional winners over the last decade include: The Arizona Archaeological Society, The Arizona Cowbells, The White Mountain Apache Tribe, The Wailia Festival, The Buffalo Soldiers Chapter 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Calvary, The Rough Riders Historical Association, the Scottsdale Charros, the Arizona Federation of Business & Professional Women, and the Yellow Bird Indian Dancers.

We would like to thank the committee for honoring us with this award and Kierland Resort for sponsoring a magnificent centennial event.

## Regional Coordinator's Meeting

Twenty coordinators attended our annual meeting that was held in Prescott this year. We updated everyone on the Site Steward Program budget which is actually the strongest that it has been in five years. We noted some problems with website reporting and the web manager will be sending out a test to all coordinators by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. We also discussed the upgrades to the website including an on-line application system and ASM/Forest site number filter that the land managers had requested. Look for our new and improved website near the end of the year.

Among the new initiatives that the site stewards will undertake this year is an outreach program to teens. This is being created in conjunction with the City of Phoenix and begins in the spring of this year in Maricopa County and we hope to expand it to the rest of the state by the end of 2012 school year.

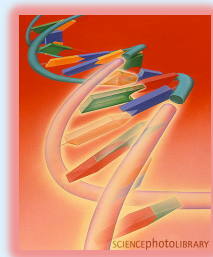
We discussed the situation with UTM and most regions announced that they have completed the NAD 83 UTM request that we made last year for all the sites.

Our next step to keep us in-line with state site requirements is to get either ASM or Forest service site numbers for all of our sites. We estimate that as many as 25% of our sites have neither number. This makes it difficult for the land managers to keep track of their sites.

After discussing several small procedural points, we then adjourned to the Best of the West Fest where we inaugurated our new Site Steward Outreach exhibit. This travelling exhibit is available for your outreach events just call when you want to book it.

## Central & Salt River Regions to Recombine

A long, long time ago when we were just a wee organization Central Region extended west from Globe to the Havasu Region and south from the Prescott Region to Picacho Peak. As the program expanded that region was divided into the six different regions that we have today. Many of the stewards overlap in these regions so in an attempt to streamline the system we are combining some of the regions back together. Salt River and Central are the first of these regions to be recombined under a new committee based organization that is structured on the Tucson and Payson models. Let us know if you want to be a part of the committee. Call Kristen at 602-542-7389.



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Second is the **Charles Trumbell Hayden House** in Tempe, Arizona with construction starting in 1873. Coming to Tucson in 1853, Hayden is generally credited with being the founder of Tempe in late 1870. Although he began building his house in 1873 and made additions through 1889, Charles Hayden did not move into the house from Tucson until 1876. By managing his general store, his construction of a ferry across the Salt River and his operation of the Hayden flourmill across the street from his house Hayden quickly became Maricopa County's wealthiest citizen. The Hayden Homestead House is the oldest territorial building in Maricopa County.

Third is the **Empire Ranch House** southeast of Tucson in Pima County and begun in 1871. Edward Nye Fish constructed the earliest four rooms and hall in 1871. Fish also owned a sawmill in the Santa Rita Mountains west of the ranch. The sawn board roof sheathing is therefore extremely early and rare. Walter L. Vail, who purchased the ranch in 1876 with his partner Herbert H. Hislop, added to the house over the years with the largest addition occurring in 1881 when he married Margaret Newhall and brought her to live at the ranch.

Fourth is the **George Alonzo Johnson House** in Yuma, Arizona. It was constructed in 1859. In 1854 George Alonzo Johnson brought the first steamship, the General Jesup, up the Colorado River to Yuma. Johnson constructed his house and distinct kitchen for his bride, Estefana Alvarado, in 1859. When the Yuma Army Depot was developed this building became the commanding officer's quarters. This is the only known building from the 1850s still standing in Arizona.

These five territorial era adobe building represents Arizona historical patrimony and are excellent examples of the kinds of historical properties worthy of preservation.

*-Jim Garrison , SHPO*

And fifth is the **Charles Owen Brown House** at 41 West Jackson Street in Tucson, Arizona constructed in 1847. Oral tradition places the construction of this row house in 1868 but tree dating of roof beams supports the 1847 date of construction well before Charles O. Brown took ownership. Therefore this building was constructed one year before becoming part of the New Mexico Territory in 1848 and making this building the oldest known standing building in Tucson.

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We would like to thank JJ Golio, Jo Brookshire and Ralph Kurzhals for their leadership of the Salt River and Heber/Overgaard Regions. We are grateful that they will be remaining as site stewards as we transition to our new system. We would also like to welcome Annmarie Kmetz as the new regional coordinator of Heber. Annmarie is an archaeologist for the forest up in that region and we know she will do an excellent job protecting our sites.



## Payson Region

The Payson Region has been very active, more than doubling our number of active site stewards, with a training of 20 new site stewards to cover the Payson Region on June 11th. Several trainees from the Phoenix area also joined us for the field training, conducted by Tonto Archeologist Scott Wood, at Rye Creek Ruin. As several potential trainees could not join us on that date, we are doing another Payson training on Saturday, November 12. At least then, it will be less than 105 degrees, when Scott does the field portion of the training at the site. Contact Chris Tetzloff at [lccogoff@msn.com](mailto:lccogoff@msn.com) if you have stewards that are in need of training at that time.

David Shank, the prior regional coordinator, shared his recent GPS training by Maricopa County Search and Rescue with some of us on August 7, in Payson. After the next training we will have a presentation by Bob and Del Wright, on their experiences in finding thousands of sites in the southwest.

Some of us have responded to Kristen's request to assist with coverage in the Heber region. Mostly, our experienced mentors have been in the process of connecting with the new stewards to get them to their sites, summer weather permitting.

***Chris Tetzloff***  
***RC Region 14***

## Central & Salt River Region

There have been several changes over the summer. Central and Salt River are combining as a super region along the lines of Tucson. We have UTM's now on most of our sites and we are beginning to get AR and ASM numbers on all our sites as well.

On October 15 we are hosting an event at Casa Grande and Adamsville. Fifty people have already RSVP. Thankfully it looks like it may be cool enough to enjoy it now as well.

We are having training on October 22 and 23 at Seven Springs and the Downtown office. Please contact Kristen at [kmclean@azstateparks.gov](mailto:kmclean@azstateparks.gov) if you know of anyone who wants to attend.

***Kristen McLean & Greg Davies***  
***RCs Region 9A & 9P***

## SAVE THE DATE:

March 30-April 1, 2012

The annual Site Steward meeting is being held at La Posada Hotel and Homolovi State Park this year. This meeting culminates our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration so we thought it only fitting it be held at our very first official site, Homolovi State Park. We will have stargazing and a meet and greet on Friday night. Chuck Adams will lead special tours of Homolovi and Allan Dart will speak on the archaeo-astronomy of the region on Saturday. We will also have a historical archaeology session on ranching in the region. Saturday night is our annual auction and award dinner at the Turquoise Room. Finally, Sunday morning we have a choice of two site tours conducted by our stewards from this region. We hope to see you there.



### *Regional News Continued*

#### Prescott Region

Summer 2011 was hotter than usual, but that didn't seem to slow down the vandals and mischief-makers. We have had digging in ruins, theft of articles, and episodes of serious spray-painting graffiti on boulders and trees. None of the episodes appear to be related, and they were spread over a wide area. We are now looking forward to some cooler weather and participation in the Best Fest here in Prescott. Later this month, we have a field trip planned with the Prescott National Forest archaeologists and special guests to a remote large petroglyph site that isn't visited on a routine basis because of the time involved. We do this infrequently, and it is always enjoyable and informative. We may possibly include some GPS training for those few who are not adept at its use.

**Judy Stoycheff**  
**RC Region 22**

#### Lake Havasu Region

One of the sites we monitor is a section of the original Atlantic Pacific Railroad, first started in the 1800's. This segment lies within BLM lands, and eventually joins the existing (very heavily travelled) Burlington Northern Railroad. We have to hike about 2 miles to the undisturbed section with the old weathered ties still intact. Most of the railroad bed has been heavily impacted by OHV use---we have new damage to report almost every time our steward visits the site. It's a great little piece of Az. history we want to protect!

**Jenny Anderson**  
**RC Region 37**

## **Hassiyampa Region**

In March of this year, our region lost a very dedicated site steward. Lee Vernon has been a site steward for the Salome area for 12 years. Her passing leaves us very saddened and we truly miss her. We also gained a new site steward in March. Helen from Sun City is monitoring several sites.

In April we had a successful site steward meeting at the White Tanks Regional Park that included the Maricopa County regions. Our thanks go to Nicole and Kristen who put this meeting together. We also thank JJ who took a small group to a new site in the White Tanks the following day.

In May Tim Watkins, the BLM Kingman archaeologist requested that we bring the Palmerita Ranch, an history ranch that dates from the early 1900s into the site steward program. Anyone interested in monitoring this site please contact Shelly at 928-684-1670.

***Shelly Rasmussen***  
***RC Region 11***

## **Flagstaff Region**

It has been a busy summer for us up here in the cool mountains. We've made a lot of progress on a big survey project. We are also helping the CNF, plus completing a site relocation project.

Our little Site Steward group has been dwindling but we are bringing in a few new volunteers to help support the program. Our National Forest land manager is now with the BOR. Hopefully we will get a new one soon.

It has been warmer than normal up here this summer but in general we have had beautiful weather, although we needed more rain, very nice place to be in AZ in the summer.

***Bern Carey***  
***RC Region 18***

## Northeastern/Homolovi Regions

Summer is usually the busiest time of year for the Northeastern and Homolovi Regions, but this year has been a serious challenge because of the Wallow fire. During the actual fire and for some time after, all of Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest was closed and any sites belonging to other land managers that were close to the fire area could also not be visited. According to USFS Archaeologist, Pete Taylor, prehistoric sites in and around the burn area did not suffer significant damage. However, there was considerable loss and damage to historic sites. Now that the forest has been reopened, we are able to resume monitoring within the National Forest, including those sites in, or very close to the burn area.

The fire also delayed the recording of two new sites we hope to add to our inventory. The USFS archaeologist directing the recording of the new sites has not been able to continue the project due to the vast amount of additional work created by the Wallow fire. She hopes to be able to resume the recording later this fall.

Things are getting back to normal, (if you discount the monsoon rains and the muddy roads) and we are looking forward to a dryer fall, to help us catch up.

During the spring and summer, Region 16 has added four new Site Stewards, and we want to officially welcome Darrell M., Marta M., Lonnie B., and Judy K. to our group. All four are actively monitoring their assigned sites and doing a great job.

***Jo Ann Weldon***  
***RC Regions 16 & 19***



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